

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : Robert L. Doubler et al  
INVENTION : Precise Linear Fastener System  
and Method for Use  
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE OF NOVEMBER 21, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated November 21, 2008, having a statutory period for response set to expire February 23, 2009, Applicant requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for which Applicant has included the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.**